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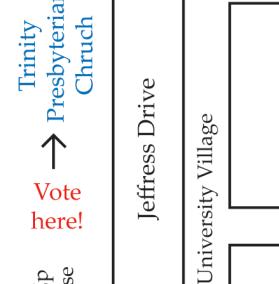
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Woman alleges sexual assault

Report cites fraternity party as focus of investigation

Sara McIntosh

A 19-year-old Martin woman has made a formal complaint of a potential sexual assault as well as alcoholic beverages being given to her while she was attending a party at a fraternity house on Oct. 29, according to a Martin Police Department report.

After being taken to the Volunteer Community Hospital by personal vehicle, the woman was examined and a rape kit was completed. "Capt. Liles and Investigator Walker were notified of this incident and Investigator Walker responded to the emergency room to begin an investigation," according to the police report.

However, the results of the rape kit could take as long as three months to get back.



A Martin woman implicated the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity with providing her with drinks before allegedly being sexually assaulted. UTM Greek Life officials and law enforcement are investigating the incident.

Martin Police Chief David Moore said that the reason for the delay is because the crime lab at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations is backlogged.

The woman was driven to 3J's Food Mart by an "unidentified male" where Sgt. Sliger, of the UTM Police Department, saw that the woman was "extremely

upset" and called the MPD on her behalf. After arriving on the scene and talking to the woman, she told police that she "was given a lot of drinks at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house and at least one unidentified male had taken sexual advantage of her," according to the report.

Louis Ragsdale, Director of Greek Life, referred The Pacer to the Interfraternity Council Constitution and Bylaws for potential punishments in regards to this incident.

"Right now, I have no comment because it's being investigated," Ragsdale said.

According to Section 8 of the IFC Bylaws, which is concerning sexual abuse, "the chapter will not tolerate any form of sexu-

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Sorority blames football players for fight

Will York

After a Zeta Phi Beta sorority party Homecoming party was broken up by a fight early Oct. 29, the sorority has banned about 15 UTM Skyhawk football players from attending their social events.

Similarly, UTM's National Pan-Hellenic Council meets today to discuss possible council-wide sanctions against football players.

The party, hosted at Java Café on University Street and sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma, was running smoothly and without incident until about 15 Skyhawk football players arrived, said India Dean, Zeta Phi Beta president.

Dean said about 20 minutes after the group of football players paid the \$5 cover charge for the post-Homecoming party, a full-scale fight broke out.

"It just came out of nowhere. It was between the football team and the Sigmas," Dean said. "Then everybody started rushing away with two fights going on at the same time."

Dean said although there were two independent security guards patrolling the Java Café, which the organizations rented for their party, they were unable to subdue the football players, whom she said were "out of control."

"One of them bumped the DJ booth, which caused the music to stop, but they just kept going until the police got there, and it even took them a while to put down the fight," Dean said.

Martin Police Department and the UTM Department of Public Safety responded to a 911 call of a fight in progress, after which the crowd dispersed. Only one male, 24-year-old Bobby D. Gilkey, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Gilkey is a UTM

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How and where to vote in Martin

Jay Baker

If you registered to vote on campus, then you are probably registered to vote in Weakley County's 6th district. If that is the case, you should go to Trinity Presbyterian Church (on Jeffress Drive across from University Village) to cast your ballot in the 2006 elections. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Also, for the first time UTM students will be voting on an electronic voting machine. Weakley County districts will be using the iVotronic machine made by Election Systems & Software. A video demo of how to use the machine can be found on the company's Web site: www.essvote.com.

On the ballot for students voting here are the following contested positions: Mayor of Martin (Brent Smoyer and Randy Brundige), U.S. Senate (Republican Bob Corker and Democrat Harold Ford Jr.), Governor (Democrat Phil Bredesen and Republican Jim Bryson), U.S. House District 8 (Democrat John Tanner and Republican John Farmer), State Senate District 27 (Republican Don McCleary and Democrat Lowe Finney), State House District 76 (Democrat Mark Maddox and Republican David Hawks), and Proposition No. 1, a same-sex marriage ban.

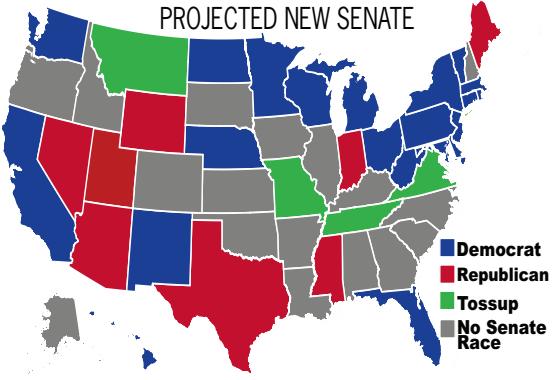
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Trinity Presbyterian Church

Polls open:
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Bring voter registration card or government ID



Board of Trustees approve \$16.5-million student rec center

Jason Bohanan

A new student recreation center is one step closer to reality after being approved by the UT Board of Trustees Friday.

The Board also approved increased admissions standards and two new campus extension centers in Lauderdale and Decatur counties.

The Board approved a plan to build the 94,600 square foot facility, which will come with a price tag of about \$16.5 million. The facility will be financed by a \$103 increase in facility fees per semester.

The fee increase, which will raise student facility fees from \$241 to \$344 per semester, was approved Thursday by the Board's Finance and Administration Committee. The increase

will be assessed when the facility becomes operational, which is now scheduled for fall 2009. SGA approved the increase last November.

Faculty, staff and community members will also pay a fee equal to that paid by students in order to use the facility.

UTM administration originally wanted a facility closer to 80,000 square feet, but the desire for an indoor pool drove the size and cost of the facility up from \$12.5 million to \$16.5 million.

The project now goes to the State Building Commission, which is expected to approve the plans and select an architect to design the facility when it meets Thursday.

"Everything is in the conceptual stage at this time," Vice Chancellor for Finance

and Administration Al Hooten said via e-mail.

As a condition for giving its approval last November, SGA will have input during the design phase, which could last up to one year. Using this timetable, construction could begin as early as the beginning of 2008, Hooten said.

Although no designs have been made, the facility will include an indoor pool, four basketball courts, racquetball courts, and cardio and weight training areas. The facility will be built around Pacer Pond, although the exact site has yet to be determined.

Once completed, Campus Recreation, intramurals and the student fitness center will be held in the facility.

"It will be for student



The \$16.5 million fitness center proposed in 2005 by SGA gained UT Board of Trustees approval Friday.

Viewpoints

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Our View

Editorial:

Crimes on UTM should be dealt with in a mature way

When faced with this week's editorial, The Pacer staff had no idea where to begin. Do we write the editorial about the sexual assault allegations? The Zeta party that turned violent? Or the upcoming elections?

UTM's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity will come under scrutiny by the time this week's The Pacer hits the stands, as if it hasn't already considering WCMT, The Jackson Sun, The Weakley County Press and other media outlets have already covered the story. We don't have all the details on the story because of backlogged crime labs, sources that are unable to talk and the like, but we feel that if these allegations turn out to be true, severe actions should be taken.

We feel that sexual assault is definitely not a matter that should be taken lightly, and we hope that no one tries to sweep this under the rug, because of its potentially damning light it could bring UTM. We also wonder why TBI is three months behind in their crime lab. Is there a way that lab work could be

sent to other TBI affiliates or even a FBI division? We know that sometimes you can't help but being backlogged, but what happens to the victims whose case and closure waits on their lab work being done?

We also feel that organizations on campus that host parties should establish certain rules and precautions to ensure that heinous crimes, like sexual assault or rape, do not happen. If an organization feels like there is no way to guarantee that anything bad will happen, then maybe alcohol shouldn't be served or it should be a closed party.

There's many ways to prevent these crimes from happening, but we are saddened to think that indecent things like that allegations that have been brought forth last week happen at UTM. However, we're not naïve, and we know that no one is 100% safe when a huge crowd and alcohol is involved.

There's many questions surrounding this case but we hope that whatever is found after the investigation closes will be dealt with in a mature, professional manner.



Adopting a pet can be a great gift for Christmas



Jon Michael St. Amant
Advertising Manager

Winter is upon us here at UTM and the cold wet weather that we all dread. Many of us choose to stay indoors during this time, but there are countless others that can't. The "others" that I speak of is the many dogs and cats around the area that remain homeless.

Not to sound dramatic, many animals live inside shelters or foster homes and are not roaming the street during winter. However, these creatures need a home. Many of us are college students and have issues that we have about adapting a pet.

The parental warning still rings in our ears, "Pets are a big responsibility." Many are pressed, but pets can be a great companion to a college student. Certainly, pets are a big responsibility, but it is definitely worth it. If you can spend hours a day on the Internet or watching T.V., you can defiantly own a pet. I have a 40 hour a week job, 18 hours of class, and a world of other responsibilities, but I still find time to play with my dog, train him and take him to the park.

Space is a big issue for many college students. If you have a dorm room or an apartment that does not allow pets then a pet is not an option for you. However, if you rent a house, this can be plenty of space for most dogs and cats, especially if you take good care of them.

Christmas is around the corner so treat yourself or a loved one to a new pet and save the life of a pound-bound critter in need.

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Will York
Managing Editor

I am undoubtedly an insomniac.

Perhaps that's why I was awake at 3 a.m. watching infomercials for no real reason. But while watching last night's (or this morning's?) advertisement touting the wonders of adjustable firmness mattresses, I had a sudden realization.

"Bring in your spouse, try out our mattresses, and determine your unique 'sleep number.' You can sleep soundly at your comfort number while your spouse sleeps at his or hers at the same time," the pseudo-reporter said.

Suddenly, I realized if Tennessee voters vote "Yes" on Amendment No. 1 today, I, along with thousands of other gay people in Tennessee would instantly be precluded from even such mundane activities as picking out a mattress together, as the relationship I would have with a "spouse" or "partner" would be constitutionally banned.

Of course, Amendment No. 1 would restrict me far more than choosing bedding. I would be denied from seeing the person I love in the hospital, filing our taxes together, sharing Social Security benefits and the list goes on. In fact, there are 1,049 federal benefits extended to married couples my partner and I would miss out on.

Not only would the amendment unduly restrict me from living in equality with my heterosexual friends, but the amendment is grossly unnecessary, as same-sex

marriage is already illegal by statute in Tennessee. Writing discriminating practices into the State Constitution is nothing more than a ruse to draw conservatives to the polls.

Some supporters of the amendment argue marriage should be between one man and one woman because God says my relationship is an "abomination."

But why, then, do some religions forbid divorce, yet there is no governmental statute outlawing divorce?

And contrary to some politicians' claims that same-sex parents are bad parents, both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians, among others, have refuted those statements.

In America our strength is through our diversity, not through homogeneity, misunderstanding and intolerance.

Amendment No. 1 is not just about gay marriage; it's about equality. That's all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Tennesseans are asking for: to be treated fairly like the human beings we are.

And if equality means arguing with our husbands or wives about buying Posturepedic mattresses, then so be it.

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Americans are fundamentally similar despite traits

For as long as there have been differences among people, there has been discrimination. We see it in the world around us on a regular basis. The Native American was the first to suffer when they found themselves driven from their homes. Imagine being a woman not allowed to vote or own property and to not be allowed to speak out at public assemblies. Think of how an African American must have felt being told they would have to use separate public utilities and transport systems.

There is a truth that often gets lost when looking at humanity. Most people see only the things they believe their eyes tell them. Walking from one end of campus to another, we are faced with a barrage of people on a daily basis and many of us see only frat boys, sorority girls, geeks, teachers, jocks, and

"other". Our perceptions of one another are surface-oriented and rarely do we pass someone and wonder what sort of person they are beyond the external. We make instantaneous mental judgments based on what our eyes tell us and apply the appropriate mental label.

Strip away the Greek letters, the clothes, the education, and social class and you are left with a human being who cries, smiles, hurts, laughs, thinks and feels. It is only those who wish to make themselves feel just a bit better than the next human being that invent imaginary boundaries of class, race, gender, creed, nationality, and orientation because in the end, all of those things do not matter.

It would be juvenile for me to think that we can ever get over these imaginary boundaries that separate

mankind. The labels we love to wear and place on one another are myriad and are very hard to get rid of once placed. In this flawed world, we will always look to one another with the labels of black, white, male, female, rich, poor, gay, straight, Jew, Muslim, Democrat, Republican, old, young, and amid all of these labels, the one that unites us will be the last on the list - human.

Two weeks ago, I wrote a column on what it is for a gay man to live in this country. At the heart of this column was the sentiment of some to apply only the label of "gay" to a specific person, issue or civil matter and when that happens, the person involved almost completely disappears. The label then translates into something "moral" or becomes a matter of "decency" or some other social construct and



Christian
Ashlar
Staff
Columnist

again, the person involved gets lost.

Last week, Mr. John Johnson responded very eloquently and succinctly to my column and for that, I must applaud Mr. Johnson. His column was very well thought out, quite articulate, and he addressed each of the topical issues I raised very well. This being said, I do believe that Mr. Johnson completely missed the point that there are people involved in the issues I addressed and that those people were lost behind the label we attach to them.

Addressing the military issue, it is easy to forget that the people labeled as "gay" in the military are only "gay" or only "sol-

diers". Barry Winchell, Kyle Lawson, or the many men and women in Randy Shilts' book, *Conduct Unbecoming* are simply "gay" or simply "soldiers" and their humanity gets left behind. The issue of whether or not homosexual men have the right to marry other homosexual men is at the very heart of the "loss of a gay man's civil rights" and the ongoing reality that this is not possibly under the Constitution is hardly an imaginary "figment". Once again, the label takes precedence and the people under it are lost.

Hoping to lead by example, I would add an apology to Mr. Johnson (and any others who felt as he did) for the use of the term, "Bible Beaters". My reference was to be directed toward those who use a supposed sacred text to facilitate and defend a discriminatory stance against others and not toward those who use the Bible to enrich, empower and uplift their own lives and the lives of others around them.

I would hope that some-

day in the near future that we can put aside words that only describe the exterior and look deeper into one another to find a word that not only describes but that entitles, empowers and uplifts one another. I realize this last statement sound incredibly idealistic but it is the opinion of this writer that idealism is a commodity sorely lacking in the world.

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Instead coming up in arms, tolerance would help a lot

For the past couple of weeks, issues of gay marriage and whether the Bible and Christians condone same-sex marriage have been all over *The Pacer* and other media outlets.

I'm not here to preach one way or the other, but I think that what most people has failed to be taught is tolerance.

If you look up the definition of tolerance in the dictionary it says that tolerance is "a fair, objective and permissive attitude toward those opinions, practices, race, religion, nationality, etc differ from one's own."

I'm not expecting people to hold hands and sing Kumbaya in the Quad, but if you do, please call me, because that will definitely go in *The Pacer*. However, how hard would it be for people to listen to others' opinions without foaming at the mouth?

I don't want anyone to

think that I'm taking up for one certain side. For the people who are against gay marriage, I ask that you take two minutes and try to imagine where they're coming from.

How would you feel if you were told that you couldn't marry the person that you loved because you were heterosexual? How would you feel if you were told that the love you feel is evil and wrong? Put yourself in their shoes.

I can't imagine what it was like before 1919 for women to be told that they weren't allowed to vote. None of us can imagine a time where everyone was not allowed to vote.

Can you imagine what it was like for African American people to be shoved to the back of the bus, not allowed to go to the same schools as everyone else or being told they can't use the same water foun-



Elizabeth
Watts
Executive
Editor

tain?

How is this movement for gay rights any different? It's not.

The gay community is one of the last communities in America to be discriminated against. How would you feel if it was the Christian community or the heterosexual community that was being discriminated against?

On the other hand, how would you feel if everything you believed in was being questioned? Christians believe that gay marriage is wrong, because the Bible says that it's wrong. How would you feel if people were coming out saying that what you believe is wrong and that you were just being close-minded?

In today's world, I think that the entire world would be better off if we just tolerated one another. Granted, tolerance can only go so far. I'm sure that no one would or will say that if only people would have tolerated Hitler, he might not have been so bad. Don't be an idiot.

Now, let's segue into another entire column.

Many people are talking and up in arms about the Vote No/Vote Yes on 1 campaign in Tennessee. I don't know if it will pass in the upcoming election or not. In my eyes, it could go either way.

However, I will say that if gay marriage doesn't pass on November 7, it will later. It's only a matter of time.

It took women a long time to get the right to vote. The National Women's Suffrage Association was formed in 1869, but women didn't get the right to vote until 1919 when the 19th amendment

was passed.

The same thing can be said about The Civil Rights Movement. The Civil Rights movement was from 1954 to 1968, but some people say it began before 1954.

The point I'm trying to make is that changes in our nation about gaining rights for a certain group of Americans don't happen over night. Give it time.

Eventually, homosexuals will gain all the rights that heterosexuals have. It's only a matter of time.

To summarize my two columns that have been combined into one: How about we show a little maturity and tolerance, and once the fire of change and equality has been ignited, nothing will stop it.

Editor's note: The opinion stated in the above column is my own. This column, in no way, is a reflection of other The Pacer staff members' opinions.

Can we at least finish Thanksgiving?

Companies like Wal-Mart, Target, Old Navy, American Eagle, Pier One and others are dictating your purchases. Perhaps you are unaware but stop and take into consideration the amount of Christmas paraphernalia you are exposed to whenever walking through the doors of the aforementioned stores.

Granted, hearing Bing Crosby can be relaxing and help one reminisce of happy, childhood times wearing flannel pajamas, baking sugar cookies and dreaming sugar plums the night before Santa came bringing you that Malibu Barbie or G. I. Joe you always wanted.

Is it really necessary to start reminding yourself of the Christmas season as early as Halloween? People walk through stores looking for gar-

bage bags, face wash, or duck tape and are overwhelmed with the Christmas carols, decorations and overall paraphernalia earlier each year.

The reason for this gradual slide of Christmas into the once cherished and newly forgotten holidays is simple: People keep buying the Christmas stuff each time stores begin putting them out to keep up with the Joneses, Smiths and Patels. So, in the simplest logic possible, the stores recognize the potential money due to past shopping season successes only because people keep spending more money on Christmas earlier and earlier.

Supply and demand. Why not eradicate the need for After Christmas Sales by allowing peo-

ple to buy almost all your stock before the Christmas Rush ever happens? Quite frankly, the large retailing corporations are geniuses because they have figured out how to make a fool part with their money. You buy it, they push it and the cycle continues each year until people, who haven't been buying into the early shopping madness, begin complaining vocally and feeling a bit ostracized for being a nonconformist in the grand design of the prequel to the Christmas shopping phenomenon.

The next time you walk

into a retailer and notice all the fuzzy snowmen, red-nosed reindeer and jolly ole Saint Nick, you can appreciate the inappropriateness behind the Christmas season's extension. Christmas is a grand time of year that should be more than just capitalistic ventures to end the year in the green instead of the black. Show the companies you want the old, childhood memories of Christmas to return instead of the deplorable and apprehensible treatment it has been receiving as of late. Otherwise, there really will be a Christmas in July and we can all take some sort credit for this holiday becoming trivial and mundane.

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UTM Diversity Week in progress

Michael Crump
Staff Writer

The Office of Minority Affairs, the Student Activities Council and the Student Government Association at UTM are sponsoring Diversity Week this week.

Events began today and will run through Friday, Nov. 10.

This year's theme is "Bridging the Gaps," and it should ensure that all attendees will have fun while learning and enjoying the different diversity events.

SGA and SAC have put together a variety of exciting events to celebrate diversity.

Monday night intrigued the minds of all trivia lovers who were up on their knowledge about recent issues in the Watkins Auditorium. These individuals participated in the diversity quiz bowl. It was here that students were tested on how much they truly knew about global issues. This event posed teams from greek and non-greek divisions.

Tonight, students will be able to attend an International Forum. This event will start at 8 p.m. in UC 111. The International Forum will consist of nine international students who come from various parts of the world. This will be a great opportunity for UTM students from the United States to hear and learn about how international students view UTM and how their standpoints are quite dif-



LAURA HARBER/The Pacer

Above, members of the Sigma Alpha group put their heads together to figure out an answer during last night's Diversity Quiz Bowl, held in the Watkins Auditorium. Chi Omega also competed, as well as Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Chi, among others. The quiz bowl was the first event to kick off Diversity Week at UTM. Events are planned through Friday, Nov. 10.

ferent from the local UTM student.

A diversity rally is planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Student Life Center. The rally will offer all UTM student organizations a chance to promote their groups.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, in Watkins Auditorium, students will have the opportunity to share their travel experiences with UTM's Travel Study program. Students will not only learn of personal travel experiences from their peers, but will be able to learn about differ-

ent programs and scholarships UTM has to offer so that they can create their own travel memories in the future. One of the exciting aspects of the evening is that two drawings will be held for travel study scholarships.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, students will be ready to engage in some festive activities where they can socialize and have some fun in a different way in the UC Ballroom.

This event is called the Diversity Dance and will be different because it will consist of international music and dance.

Students will be able to receive certificates of participation for each event that they attend.

Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the Center for Global Studies and one of the advisers for Diversity Week, stressed that all the events are student organized and not faculty organized.

All students are encouraged to attend the remaining events this week to enjoy events that will allow them to experience and learn new things about different ways of life.

Church/state separation focus of forum on November 7

Staff Reports

If you would care to weigh in on the issue of separation of church and state, then plan to spend your Election Day evening with the UTM History Club.

The club is sponsoring a debate at 7 tonight in the Humanities Auditorium.

The debate will address such questions as: Should there be a separation of church and state in the United States? Should prayer in schools be illegal? and Should "God" be taken out of the Pledge of Allegiance and off U.S. money?

Time will also be allowed at the end of the debate for taking questions from the audience.

Dr. David Barber, assistant professor of History, said the History Club dis-

cussed a number of possibilities for a debate topic, but the students agreed that separation of church and state was an extremely important and timely topic.

"We agreed that issues of church and state are national issues, with controversies around prayer in school and teaching of evolution, etc., continually making the news," Barber said in an e-mail to The Pacer. "So we wanted to address this question."

Ryan Barnes, a senior History major from Milan, will moderate the debate. Panelists for the discussion of separation of church and state include Dr. Dawood Sultan, assistant professor of Sociology, and Hannah



David Barber

Clawson, a senior Psychology major from Arlington. Dr. John Schommer, associate professor of Mathematics, and head baseball coach and Math instructor Victor "Bubba" Cates

will speak for a greater platform for religion in schools, Barber said.

The History Club did not deliberately schedule the forum for Election Day, Barber said, but merely needed to plan the event for an available Tuesday or Thursday evening.

However, given the prevalence of attack ads leading into today's election process, Barber said he believes it's time for serious discussions.

"I'd like to see more people on this campus engage in a forthright and open manner about national issues. A democracy cannot work in the absence of principled debate and discussion. Right now we have attack ads, and sound bites, and a lot of entertainment, but very little serious discussion of important issues. Frankly, I don't see many political leaders attempting to change that," Barber said.

"That being the case, it's only going to be an informed citizenry that can create a more positive, democratic culture in the United States. So I'd like to contribute to that larger goal of helping to create an informed citizenry."

The debate is open to the public.

Wednesday Forum gives students chance to learn appropriate helping behaviors

Megan Madden
Staff Writer

UTM's Wednesday Forums, which are "lunch and learn" programs on a variety of relevant social topics for students, are a growing success on campus.

Starting out as an unknown event on campus, the Wednesday Forums have become well known and heavily attended. The forums are a service offered by UTM's Counseling and Career Services office, directed by Dr. Jennifer Y. Levy.

The most recent Wednesday forum was held on Nov. 1 and covered "HealthyHelpingBehavior: How to help your friends without letting them drive you nuts." The interaction among the 15 or so students present about different helping habits and behaviors seemed to be a great learning experience



Jennifer Levy

for all involved. Although Levy lectured on 11 different points, the bulk of the discussion involved the students' interaction with each other and with Levy.

Levy's talking points included: polishing your listening skills; trying not to judge; resisting the urge to say, "I know exactly how you feel;" don't get pulled into the panic; prepare yourself; keep your mouth shut; define the helping relationship clearly; be fair to yourself; know when you are in over your head; give the help that is needed; and take care of yourself.

The last point of the speech was truly Levy's primary point.

"If you can't take care of yourself and do what you want to do, then how are you going to help take care of others? Focus on yourself first," Levy said.

She also stressed that if you are in over your head, you need to know how to contact professional services such as those offered at the Counseling and Career Services center, located on the second floor of the UC.

Lectures such as this one are a service to educate students on topics that are vital to survival in life, Levy said, especially in teaching the types of skills that are not taught in a regular classroom.

The next Wednesday Forum will be held at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 15 in the back of the cafeteria. The topic will be "Alcohol Can Kill: Learning About Alcohol Poisoning." Students will learn when to let someone "sleep it off" and when that might be fatal.

For more information about Counseling and Career Services and the services available to students, visit the department's Web site at www.utm.edu/departments/counseling/.

Flu vaccinations still available at Student Health

Kristin Wiseman
Staff Writer

to be sick for a couple of weeks.

The flu season occurs from October through February and the best time to get vaccinated is October or November. On average, 5 to 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu each year.

Symptoms of the flu are: fever, headache, extreme tiredness, muscle aches, nausea, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and stomach symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhea.

Student Health has supplied these vaccinations for the benefit of the students and faculty.

"The flu can be very detrimental to a student because they can miss up to two weeks of classes," said Shannon Deal, director of Student Health. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year, she said.

The good news is that Student Health still has 200 more vaccinations left to give out. They can be received Monday-Friday and will be administered from 8 - 10 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. E-mail reminders will continue to be sent as a way to advertise the remaining flu vaccinations. They cost only \$20 to everyone who receives one.

Annual Empty Bowls supper will benefit local charity

The annual "Empty Bowls" light soup supper will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Interfaith Center, 312 Lovelace St. in Martin.

Cost for the supper only is \$5 for the public and is free to UTM students. As has been the supper's past tradition, soup can be purchased in a handmade pottery bowl for \$20. UTM art professor David McBeth

and his students have sold the bowls each year, with all proceeds donated to We Care Ministries in Martin to help fill local needs.

"As many already know, the bowls make wonderful Christmas gifts," said Dean Emerson, director of Interfaith.

For more information on the event, call Emerson at 587-2603.

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UTM grad chosen as new director of campus in Parsons

University Relations

Residents of Decatur County and the surrounding area will soon have the opportunity to earn college credits and degrees at the UTM Parsons Center.

Jason Rushing, a Decatur county native and UTM graduate, will serve as the center's first director.

The UTM Parsons Center is the fourth UTM extended campus location, and construction of the facility is scheduled to be completed by fall 2008. In the interim, UTM will begin offering classes in Parsons in January 2007 to build a student base for the center.

"It is indeed an honor to have been selected as the director of the UT Martin Parsons Center. I have always had a strong interest in the field of higher education and feel that the position in Parsons will not



Jason Rushing

only allow me to work with the wonderful faculty, staff and students at UT Martin, but also will be an opportunity to provide a service to my community," Rushing said.

"A well-educated population is a key to the growth and success of any region, and I look forward to working with UT Martin's Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, area community leaders and others in and around the region to make the center a success," he said.

Rushing completed a Bachelor of Science in Education at UTM in May 2004, as well as earning a certification in history and government and taking additional

courses in accounting, finance and economics. He earned his Master of Business Administration from Union University in August 2006.

Before taking the position as the director of the UTM Parsons Center, Rushing worked as a loan officer and member service representative at the Leaders Credit Union, as well as a financial representative for American General Financial Services Inc. His work history also includes the position of UTM chancellor's staff assistant.

Rushing has a background of leadership experience, having served on the Weakley County Red Cross board of directors, completed sales and service strategies training at the Leaders Credit Union and currently serving as director of the Jim Ayers Alumni Scholarship Fund.

In 2003, Rushing became a certified stu-

dent leader by the National Conference on Student Services. He served on the search committee for dean of the UTM College of Education and Behavioral Sciences in summer 2003 and made presentations to the alumni and development committees in spring 2004. The UTM Alumni Council is among the organizations of which Rushing is still an active member.

While attending UTM, Rushing was a member of the Student Government Association, LEAD Academy, Student Activities Council and University Council. He served as a student ambassador and member of the History Club and Baptist Student Union. He maintains professional memberships in both Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society.

For more information, call the UTM Parsons Center at 731-847-3880.

New group works on environment issues

Brittany Dowdy

Staff Writer

A new UTM organization is in the works on campus.

Second Nature is an environmental awareness group that is expected to make an appearance on campus by next semester. About 10 students and a faculty adviser currently comprise the group.

Second Nature is a national organization that focuses on the education of students, faculty and staff of the benefits of recycling. The group is geared more toward college and university settings. Their goal is to try to get people in the mindset of recycling and being more conservative with their resources.



Stan Dunagan

The group of students began talking before about forming an organization, but weren't able to make it happen. This year, the students and adviser have the paperwork in order and are well on their way to becoming an organization by next semester.

Dr. Stan Dunagan, assistant professor of Geology, will be the group's adviser. He graduated from UTM in 1993.

"There have been environmental groups at UTM off and on ever since I was here as a student," Dunagan said.

The group will focus on educating the UTM com-

munity of the benefits of recycling. There are not only environmental benefits, but also economic benefits. Dennis Kosta, UTM's custodial manager, is trying to get UTM to install flush-free toilets in the men's bathrooms across campus.

This would save UTM a lot of money in the long run, he said, and is just one way to conserve.

Blue bins also can be found all over campus. These bins exist so people can recycle old papers. So when you get finished reading *The Pacer* every week, for example, you can put your paper in the recycling

bin and know that you are doing something good for the environment.

Second Nature is looking to host speakers on the environment, sustainability and conservation. The group also hopes to host a dumpster dive next semester.

Anyone can be a member of Second Nature. You don't have to be a full-time student or major in any particular subject. As long as you are interested in the environment and want to help find ways to take care of it, you are welcome.

For more information on the national group Second Nature, go to www.second-nature.org. For information on local meetings, call Dunagan at 881-7437.

Presidents' Roundtable unites campus leaders to discuss upcoming events

Tabitha Thurman

Staff Writer

The Presidents' Roundtable was held on Thursday, Nov. 2 in UC Room 111. Several topics were discussed in this meeting which was attended by presidents of all different organizations on the campus.

LEAD Academy will be sponsoring a Christmas Fair Cause, and they are asking each organization on campus to decorate and donate a tree to be auctioned off at the South Auction which will be held on Dec. 2. Anyone with questions of concern about this event can contact the office of Student Life at 881-7525.

Diversity Week is a week that is sponsored by Multicultural Affairs, and began today. It runs through Friday, Nov. 10.

On Monday, Nov. 6, the Diversity Bowl took place at 7 p.m. The International Forum will be held on tonight (Nov. 7) at 7 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers. On Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Diversity Rally will be held in the Student Life Center at 7 p.m.

A \$500 travel study scholarship will be given away at the Global Experience, which will be held in Watkins Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom, a party will be held as a finale to this week of culture, where all different sorts of international music will be played in order to satisfy anyone's flavor of music.

If anyone has any questions about Diversity Week, contact the SGA office at 881-7785.

UTM, state partner to improve cattle health

Michael Crump

Staff Writer

UTM and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture are going into "business" together.

The current venture involves a partnership to improve cattle health in West Tennessee.

The partnership was marked with the unveiling of a mobile, high-tech trailer that will be managed by the university for the purpose of demonstrating proper cattle handling and health practices.

The MobilcattleDoc™ is a 24-foot long, 8-foot tall trailer that can be pulled to any location and is efficient for handling and holding

cows.

"The mobile cattle handling unit will be an important tool for educating and demonstrating proper cattle management and care," said Givens. "By helping producers understand and practice better management techniques, we can help improve the quality, add value and increase the marketability of Tennessee cattle. We're proud to partner with UT Martin to deliver this service to West Tennessee Cattle producers."

The mobile cattle-handling trailer was funded by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture from the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP). The aim of the TAEP is to help improve animal health and cattle production, and to encourage farm diversification in Tennessee.

"The MobiDoc is a high-quality, animal friendly, mobile cattle handling facility that will help producers realize how safe and easy cattle processing can be," said Charlie Rowlett, UTM director of the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex. "With EID becoming more important in every beef cattle operation and the known value enhancement that comes with proper vaccinations and identification, this should be a great tool for the western region of

Tennessee."

"Having a mobile unit in West Tennessee also serves an important homeland security and animal disease control function," said Givens. "In the event of an animal disease outbreak, this unit can be quickly deployed to any location where it's needed for the treatment and handling of cattle by animal health officials."

With cattle and calves being the largest generators of farm income in Tennessee, they account for about \$500 million annually in arm cash receipts, according to the Tennessee Field Office of the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Services.

A note from the SGA:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Secretary-General of the Student Government Association was unable to attend the Nov. 2, 2006 Senate meeting.

According to the stipulations of our constitution and Robert's Rules of Order, a meeting without the Secretary-General present would be deemed invalid. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience.

The Senate meeting will be rescheduled for 9 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, in the Legislative Chambers of the Boling University Center.

Message courtesy e-mail

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in **The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board"** section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Wanted: Toys for Children

Christmas is coming, but not for some children. We would like to help make Christmas special for these children in our community this year. Please drop off new toys for boys or girls (any age) in the main office of the Sociology Building by Dec. 1.

Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 316. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

Spanish Club

All students are encouraged to join the UTM Spanish Club. Come and learn all about Spanish culture, participate in service

activities and much more. Meetings are held at 4 p.m. every other Wednesday in HU 413. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bible Study

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a H.Y.P.E. Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the white house on the campus of Southside Baptist Church. Come get the word and have fun while doing it. If you need a ride, call 587-5124, but please call ahead of time.

Rifle Team Turkey Shoot

The annual Turkey Shoot sponsored by the UTM Rifle Team will be held from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 13-16 in the ROTC building, which is under the visitor side bleachers of the Hardy Graham Football Stadium. All guns are provided. The cost to enter the shoot is \$1 per target and a winner is announced every 15 tar-

gets. Winners will receive their choice of a frozen Thanksgiving turkey from E.W. James & Sons Supermarket in Martin or a pizza from Domino's.

Trivia Bowl

Love trivia? Want to represent your organization well on campus? Participate in the campus-wide Trivia Bowl! This event, sponsored by the University Scholars Organization, will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 13 and 14 in the Humanities Auditorium. To register, drop by the Honors Program office in the Holland McCombs Center before Nov. 9. The registration fee is only \$25. Come and compete against the sharpest minds in the school at the USO's annual Trivia Bowl.

Rotaract project

For any organization who is seeking a service opportunity, Rotaract is locally helping to

raise donations for Operation Christmas Child, which helps children all over the world. The first step is to collect shoeboxes or shoebox-sized plastic bins to wrap or decorate with Christmas stickers. Then the boxes get filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and clothing (shoes, socks, T-shirts, underwear, etc.).

Then they get sent to several countries all over the world and are given to poverty-stricken children who wouldn't normally receive anything for Christmas. Rotaract is collecting money and/or items outside the cafeteria this week (through Friday, Nov. 10). You can donate there OR if you would like to work on it as a group you can get brochures from Rotaract and Rotaract members can collect your completed shoeboxes on or near Nov. 14.

Women's issues

The AAUW (the American Association of University Women)

will have as its program a panel of international women to talk about the issues facing women in other countries. The program will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the C.E. Weldon Library in Martin. Panelists will be Urva Patel, India; Yukiko Nakane, Japan; Nildete Molon, Brazil; and Daniela Kluyenko, Bulgaria. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail sbyrd@utm.edu or cwatts@utm.edu by Wednesday, Nov. 8. For more information, contact AAUW President Sue Byrd at 881-7103.

UTM Recycling Group

A new student group is forming to help promote recycling and environmental issues on the campus of UTM. The group is meeting every Wednesday at 12:15 in the backroom of the UC (room 125). For more information, send an e-mail to utm.recycling@gmail.com.

Historic Lauderdale County factory burns Saturday night

Bessie Cherry
Staff Writer

UTM students who call Lauderdale County home were astonished when the county's former Tupperware plastics factory, located in Halls, caught fire about 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Halls Mayor Trent McManus said five employees evacuated the factory when the largest of the plant's three buildings caught fire at the loading dock doors. The fire spread over halfway through to the far end of the building.

"Because there are plastics burning inside the building, we don't expect the fire to be out completely for another two days — until firefighters can begin extinguishing the blazes with foam, which should arrive tomorrow," McManus said Sunday night. "We're just grateful that there have been no injuries."

Surrounding streets and roads, including those off U.S. 51 South leading east to the plant, were blocked off by the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Meanwhile, the Halls Fire Department and 10 neighboring county fire departments continued to fight to contain the fire.

"We're working around the clock rotating firefighters from all over," said Newbern City Fire Chief Phillip Cottrell. "We're glad to help."

Halls Police Chief Rod Ward said he appreciates the work of all emergency personnel who responded, including all the fire and police departments currently assisting in efforts to put out the fire. Ward also said TEMA has been a big help in delegating appropriate jobs to authorities and volunteers.

Halls residents said they are disappointed to see the building destroyed.

A senior Accounting major from Halls, Alicia



BESSIE CHERRY/The Pacer
The former Tupperware plastics factory, located in Halls in Lauderdale County, caught fire about 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Five employees evacuated the factory when the largest of the plant's three buildings caught fire at the loading dock doors.

Gooch, said, "The building was built in 1970, way before I was born, and was always known as Tupperware, even after the

factory shut its doors in the early 90s. I know it was a major source of employment for Lauderdale County in the 70s and 80s."

Lamar Stenson, a senior Communications major from Halls, said, "It's sad to see the oldest manufacturing plant in the Halls com-

Assault: Continued from Cover

ally abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions that are demeaning to another human being including date rape, gang rape or verbal harassment."

In regards to any punishment the fraternity could face, the criteria from the Judiciary Board on Fraternities Violating Risk Management Policy are as follows:

- First Offense: \$250 fine payable to the IFC, 6 school weeks of social probation (i.e. no parties or social functions of any kind)

- Second Offense: \$500 fine payable to the IFC and 12 weeks of social probation

- Third Offense: \$500 fine payable to the IFC and 24 school weeks of social probation

In an article from The Jackson Sun, Brad Davis, President of Pi Kappa

Alpha, said that the fraternity had no comment until a full police investigation had been completed.

In the same report, Bud Grimes said that the results from the investigation would be the determining factor in regards to if any actions would be taken against the fraternity and that he didn't "expect student affairs to take any actions at this time."

Players: Continued from Cover

alumnus who would not cooperate with police's orders to stop fighting, according to police reports.

Anthony and Kenya Sawyer, both UTM alumni and former members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta, respectively, paid for the party for their organizations.

"After the fight started, people were trying to get away and became victims," Kenya said. "They got pushed down, hit, ran over."

She said one female partygoer was sent to the hospital with facial cuts after a football player removed his belt and began swinging it around his head.

Another woman was punched in the face, and several other women were run over after police arrived.

Sawyer, Dean and the rest of the sorority decided to end the party early, and she said she lost about \$600 in cover charges and food purchases. The party was not scheduled to end until 3 a.m., and with the change from Daylight Savings Time, the party would have lasted another three hours had the fight not taken place. Sawyer said the party cost her about \$1,000, including food.

Immediately after police quelled the fight, Zeta Phi Beta voted to ban the entire football team from attending future social events, but later, the sorority decided to only ban the 15 football players who initiated the fight, Dean said.

"We have to do something to make people feel secure at our parties," she said. "You got dudes who lift weights hitting girls. That's crazy."

But the Oct. 29 brawl was not first violent encounter between football players and NPHC organizations.

Dean said her sorority and others had previously had problems with team members starting fights at greek parties.

Chantal M. Scott, president of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, said UTM football players have caused problems at her orga-

nization's parties too, but Delta Sigma Theta stopped short of banning any football players from events.

Scott disagreed with Zeta Phi Beta's initial act of banning the entire team, saying, "It's unfair to punish the entire football team just because of the actions of a few."

However, Scott did say individual members from any organization should be punished for causing disturbances at any event.

Today, the NPHC will meet to discuss possible council-wide sanctions against football players, including the possibly drafting a letter to be sent to the Department of Athletics condemning fighting.

UTM Director of Greek Life Louis Ragsdale said, "The situation has been addressed by NPHC and is being looked into further."

He continued, "Further action on the matter is still being discussed."

The Athletic Department remains unaware of any fight involving football players early Oct. 29, according to Sports Information Director Joe Lofaro.

"We have no knowledge of football players being involved in a fight," Lofaro said.

He added, "Earlier this fall, members of Greek Life and Athletics met, and they agreed that if fraternities have a closed party, there had to be a guest list. The university had rules for guest lists. Since (the Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma party) was an open party, anybody was invited."

He went on to say Athletics would address the matter if football players were clearly implicated.

If charges would have been filed against an athlete, Athletics would have taken additional action against the athlete after a final court decision. If charges are brought up through UTM Student Affairs, then the same procedure applies, Lofaro said.

Center: Continued from Cover

uses. There won't be any (varsity) athletic games in the student recreation center," SGA President James Orr said.

The facility will also provide more recreational opportunities for students and free up the Elam Center for classes and varsity ath-

letics, Orr said. Currently, Campus Recreation shares the Elam Center with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Department of Health and Human Performance.

"It will help us out academically, recreationally

and athletically," Orr said.

"A major demand is for student recreation right now," Hooten said. "This [facility] will meet that demand. It will really enhance student recreational activity."

munity gone. My mother worked at Tupperware for 21 years. I know the building had economical potential."

McManus said that the factory employed only a few people at the time of Saturday's fire and that the building was primarily being used for storing plastics, cardboard and other boxing materials and supplies.

McManus said that the city of Halls had high hopes that another factory would come in soon and occupy the building, thus bringing employment to Lauderdale County.

"It's a great loss for both the city of Halls and Lauderdale County," McManus said.

Lauderdale County officials said they do not know what sparked the weekend fire that destroyed the historic building, but that a thorough investigation will be conducted.

Police Report



The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

**9:48 a.m., October 30
University St.**

Barbara J. Gordon was issued a citation of child restraint law. (City Court)

**10:30 a.m., October 30
Ellington**

Quadros R. Brooks was arrested for fraudulent use of a debit card.

**1:37 p.m., October 30
Lot 1**

Subject's vehicle was towed due to excessive amount of traffic tickets.

**10:36 a.m., October 31
Activities Field**

Subject reported theft of personal property. Investigation Continues.

**5:22 p.m., October 31
Lot 8**

Report of two subjects that crashed their bicycles and officers and emergency personnel responded. Subjects refused treatment.

**8:06 a.m., November 1
University St.**

Kristen D. Freeman was issued a citation for failure to stop for a pedestrian. (City Court)

**8:01 p.m., November 1
Lovelace St.**

Benjamin C. Martin was issued a citation for stop sign violation. (City

**9:47 a.m., November 2
Lot 12**

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

**6:06 p.m., November 2
Elam Center**

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

**1:53 p.m., November 3
Lot 11**

Report of a disturbance involving a student.

**3:38 p.m., November 3
Hurt St**

Joshua Mertes was issued a citation for stop sign violation. (City Court)

**3:13 a.m., November 4
Cooper Hall**

Report of a subject complaining of feeling ill and requesting to be taken to the hospital. Officers responded and transported the subject.

**11:54 p.m., November 5
Cooper Hall**

Report of a fire alarm sounding and officers and Martin Fire Department responded. It was determined that it was a false alarm and the system was reset.

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UTM Housing brings Halloween fun to several local kids

Treats, toys, costumes highlight festival

Bessie Cherry
Staff Writer

Students attending Martin Elementary and Martin Primary schools were invited by UTM Housing to participate in the organization's annual Halloween festival, held on campus Halloween night from 6-9 p.m.

The festival began in the lobby of Cooper Hall, where children enjoyed Halloween treats, toys, novelties and games. Children and parents were then appointed by UTM Housing staff to Cooper Hall and University Village apartments, where residents passed out candy and other goodies to the local trick-or-treaters.

"UTM Housing has a long history of giving back to the community," says Ryan Martin, UTM Assistant Director for Residence Life. "At this time of year especially, we find it most appropriate to provide a safety zone, as well as a

good time for kids in the community."

After trick-or-treating, children followed a trail of Halloween balloons to Ellington Hall where they enjoyed a costume contest and caramel apples. Ellington Hall also set up a photo booth for the kids and parents. Photos will be emailed to the children's parents beginning Wednesday, November 1.

Students stopped last at Browning Hall to enjoy Halloween cookies and music. Browning staff also assisted the children in decorating their own personal pumpkins.

"It was very exciting to see all the children dressed up and enjoying themselves," says G-2 Resident Assistant for Browning Hall, Alicia Jackson. "It was equally enjoyable to see the residents and staff dressed in costume and the dorm lobbies so nicely decorated. I really think the adults had

more fun with this than the kids!" added Jackson.

UTM Housing directors, resident assistants and residents alike are accredited with organizing the 2006 Halloween festival. Decorations, candy, novelties, toys and food were bought with UTM Housing funds and prepared by the housing staff. Martin Elementary and Martin Primary school students and their parents enjoyed the festival free of charge.

Martin says the event has been successful for almost 20 years and keeps growing every year. According to Martin, approximately 200 local children participated in this year's festival.

"We are proud to have the opportunity to serve the city of Martin," said Martin. "We thank the parents for bringing their children to the UTM Housing Halloween festival. And we thank everyone who participated in making this



Bessie Cherry/ THE PACER

Martin Elementary School students Blake Pollard and Tyler Freeman enjoy games in Cooper Hall on Halloween night at the 2006 UTM Halloween Festival sponsored by UTM Housing.

season's event a success."

Everyone is already looking forward to next year's

UTM Housing Halloween Party that is sure to be another successful year of bringing happiness to UTM and local children.

Christmas rears its happy head

Rachel Rogers
A&E Editor

It's November, and that means it's time to start gearing up for the holidays.

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause opened this past Friday and debuted at the #2 spot on the box office list. According to movies.yahoo.com, Tim Allen revises his role as the jolly fat man, and Martin Short plays the mischievous Jack Frost, who is trying to take over the holiday. Juggling a full house of his own family and in-laws, expecting the birth of his baby and enjoying the holidays, he must also thwart Frost's scheme to take over the North Pole. *Deck the Halls* is another Christmas movie, set to be released on November 22. Matthew Broderick and Danny DeVito play two neighbors bent on toppling one another with the showiest light display for Christmas.

But if you're not quite ready to jump into the Christmas spirit, there are plenty of other November movies to choose from. Such as *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*, which debuted at #1 this weekend.

Of course, probably one of the biggest November releases will be *Casino Royale*, which hits theatres on November 17. The movie shows us exactly how James Bond became "Bond, James Bond" as he goes on his first MI6 mission as 007.

Other major movies coming out this month include *Happy Feet* (Nov. 17), *Déjà Vu*, *The Fountain* and *Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny*, all being released on November 22.

If you find you don't want to go to a theatre crowded with little kids and people talking on their cell phones, November offers plenty of DVD releases that you can watch from the comfort of your own home.

Cars comes to DVD today. Don't be fooled by the fact that it's a cartoon. Those of

November releases

Nov. 7	Cars	DVD
Nov. 7	Little Man	DVD
Nov. 7	Totally Awesome	DVD
Nov. 10	A Good Year	Theaters
Nov. 10	Harsh Times	Theaters
Nov. 10	The Return	Theaters
Nov. 10	Stranger Than Fiction	Theaters
Nov. 14	Accepted	DVD
Nov. 14	John Tucker Must Die	DVD
Nov. 17	Casino Royale	Theaters
Nov. 17	Happy Feet	Theaters
Nov. 17	Let's Go To Prison	Theaters
Nov. 22	Deck the Halls	Theaters
Nov. 22	Deja Vu	Theaters
Nov. 22	The Fountain	Theaters
Nov. 22	Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny	Theaters

us who have never gotten out of the child stage, or someone who's just looking for a funny movie that doesn't take a lot of brain power to understand, will love it. Owen Wilson plays the voice to Lightning McQueen, a hot-shot race car with big dreams and an even bigger ego. But all that changes when he makes a wrong turn and ends up at Radiator Springs, a tiny town out in the middle of nowhere.

You can also check out *Little Man* (today), *Accepted*,

John Tucker Must Die, *ATL* and *The DaVinci Code* which will be released on Nov. 14. Fans of the Man of Steel can also see his latest movie *Superman Returns* on Nov. 28.

So whether it's hitting the theatres with your friends to see the suave Mr. Bond learn the tricks of the trade and seduce some new hot bombshell, or invite a group to your place to watch *The DaVinci Code* and argue over which parts were actually in the book, November has you covered.

Writer's Guild an organization open to all

Organization has a warm reception for any student who is interested.

Vivian Yin
Staff Writer

Writers' Guild is just one of those students organization whose door is always open for everyone on the campus.

A student who likes to write poems or anything is always welcome to come to the sessions. They regularly have the meetings at 7:15 on Thursday nights in the Writing Center during each semester.

I have never heard about Writers' Guild until today. This was my first session. I went to the meeting on Thursday night alone because I thought that it was the cool experience for me to learn more things about how to improve my writing skills. I want to have better writing so I have always wished that I could have a chance to hang out with some people who really enjoy writing stuff and share all of their work with one of another. I knew that it might help me a lot to get my writing better.

Meeting new friends is another goal that inspired me to come over to meet some nice people out here. Especially who want to go out on a freezing night, with the temperature being only 32 degrees? There were almost no students on the campus at the time. I rarely saw anyone walking around the campus, but

this is a very good chance to meet the nicest people I have ever seen. They were so hospitable to make me feel like I was at home, and I was not there alone. I felt very comfortable to be there.

Writer's Guild is a very small organization with only a few students, including two professors. One is Mrs. Clark who is the advisor of Writers' Guild. Both professors teach in the English Department. Writers'

Guild is not like any other organizations such as the fraternities or the sororities that are very popular at school.

Christian Ashlar, an English major, said that "I think Writers' Guild is a wonderful environment for writers and just creative people in general." Samantha Carter, also an English minor from Kentucky, said that "Writers' Guild is an excellent place for students interested in writing to meet others who also enjoy writing."

Thanksgiving is approaching soon. What a surprise! It is so hard for us to image that time always goes by so fast. There are only five more weeks we have before the semester is over. Carter said that "We still have a lot of things we need to do, but we only have a little bit of time left. At the beginning of the session, we did the same thing like we normally do in every meet-

ing. We were talking about agenda. All kinds of things that we are going to do, and we need to get it done in the next five meetings we have before this semester is the end. We are going to design creative cards. We'll give those cards out to children who need them in the hospital."

"We'll also have a party before school is over," says Carter. "If anyone wants to see a movie, we'll have one session to do that. We don't know which movie we are going to pick yet. But it will be a good movie and worth watching to us."

The president of Writers' Guild gave four prompts to work on tonight. The classroom suddenly became very quiet. Everyone was working on their writing and using their imaginations. We shared all of our ideas with one another in the ten minutes before the meeting was over. Writers' Guild is the great workshop to go to for anybody.

Writer's Guild meets every Thursday night at 7:15 in the Writing Center (Humanities 209). For more information, you can contact Professor Anna Clark at 881-7294 or aclark@utm.edu. or Professor Jenna Wright at 881-7278 or jwright@utm.edu. Also, you can contact the Writing Center at 881-7277.



Part of the University Singers perform at the annual Dessert Evening, held in Fine Arts this past weekend.

LAURA HARBER/ The Pacer

Whatever happened to Thanksgiving?

Rachel Rogers
A&E Editor

It's October 29 and, as I'm driving through downtown Martin, I see something that nearly makes me slam on my brakes. Care to take a guess what it was?

Christmas decorations. A full two days before Halloween, the town was already putting up its Christmas decorations.

Now, I love Christmas just as much as anyone else. Decorating, buying gifts (and trying to keep the boyfriend from guessing what I've bought for him), eating till I'm blue in the face, getting lots of neat stuff... What's not to love about the holiday? But Christmas, like everything else, has its own time and place.

I'm a huge Halloween fan. It's my absolute favorite holiday. When October 1 rolls around, everything comes out and the decorating begins. For me, it's a month-long holiday. Every payday, I go and buy a little something else for Halloween. I don't even think about what lies beyond October 31 until after all of the candy is gone.

So to see these decorations up really made me angry. It was time for Halloween, not Christmas! And what about Thanksgiving?

Commentary

Have we all just forgotten about the great American holiday? The day that's all about giving thanks? What happened to it?

Christmas, like every other holiday, has become so commercialized that people have forgotten why we celebrate Christmas. Even if you don't count yourself as a religious person, Christmas is still a chance to spend time with family and have a good time.

But when you start getting ready for Christmas so early, by the time the holiday gets here, you don't care anymore!

You're so sick of Christmas carols, Christmas lights, Christmas trees, Christmas candy, Christmas parades that you end up being sick of Christmas! And then, the whole meaning of Christmas is gone out the window. All you care about is getting the holiday over with so you can take down all of the lights and stop having to hear "Carol of the Bells" every time you turn on the radio.

As I mentioned earlier, what happened to Thanksgiving? I love this holiday! I can stuff myself silly and get away with it. I get to cook for three days straight and have everyone ooh and ahhh over my food. I get to

Weekend box office results:

1. <i>Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorius Nation of Kazakhstan</i>	\$26,375,000	\$26,375,000
2. <i>The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause</i>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
3. <i>Flushed Away</i>	\$19,100,000	\$19,100,000
4. <i>Saw III</i>	\$15,500,000	\$60,077,000
5. <i>The Departed</i>	\$8,000,000	\$102,282,000
6. <i>The Prestige</i>	\$7,784,000	\$39,414,000
7. <i>Flags of our Fathers</i>	\$4,500,000	\$26,631,000
8. <i>Man of the Year</i>	\$3,821,000	\$34,004,000
9. <i>Open Season</i>	\$3,100,000	\$81,386,000
10. <i>The Queen</i>	\$3,010,000	\$10,087,000
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From the Geek Corner

DSLRs and the Mac versus Windows battle

Two weekends ago in Jackson, I was able to get my hands on a Nikon D80 for the first time. I took seven or eight shots to test it out, and although the only scenery I had available was the store lit with fluorescent bulbs, the pictures were nonetheless stunning.

The only word I can think of to describe the opportunity is "Wow." I've been in the market for a digital single-lens reflex(DSLR) camera a little over six months and while they are the most expensive, the top company time and time again in my searches has been Nikon.

My father has had a Nikon SLR 35mm camera for as long as I can remember so one might say I've been trained to have a Nikon bias. However, I always want to think of our readers when writing, and for that reason, today we are going to take a look at three of the best DSLRs available from Nikon, Canon and Olympus.

Next, we give you part two of our look from last week at browser specific widgets (or "extensions" or "add-ons" – whatever



Matt Cook
Technical
Editor

The only word I can think of to describe the [Nikon D80] is "WOW."

Making this decision in computing purchases over the next few months is critical, especially with the hardware requirements Windows Vista is supposed to have, when it is released sometime at the end of this month.

The semester is winding down, the UTM computer labs are staying filled as long as they are open and laptops can be seen all over campus. No one can tell me that technology isn't a part of their life. Keep reading The Technophile each week for the latest in tech!

Web site of the week

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Jay Baker
Asst. News Editor

So, you're about to start work on your big 15-page end-of-the-semester paper for English 111 and you realize ... "I don't have Microsoft Word on my computer, now I gotta walk all the way to the computer lab and sit next to that weird guy who's always in there on Facebook."

Well, those days are over. Just point your browser to www.openoffice.org and grab their 100-percent free, open-source program suite: Open Office.

Open Office has an alternative to each of Microsoft Office's core programs. Need to type a paper? Try Writer. Need a Power Point for your persuasive speech? Just use Impress. Need a spreadsheet? Calc heads up that department. Open Office has everything that Microsoft's Office has, and more. Open Office has Draw, a program that allows you to make anything from simple sketches to complex flow charts. Also, there's Math, an equation editor, which allows you to

create and edit equations to insert as objects into your Word or Impress documents (great for scientific papers or even potentially math homework).

"What about all of the Microsoft Office files I already have on my hard drive?" you may ask. Never fear, Open office allows you to open and edit most native Microsoft files. You can even save your work in Microsoft's format (i.e. saving your paper in Writer as a .doc extension). That way, you will be able to e-mail the file to your professor and he will be able to open it.

Open Office is a great program in its own right. Like many of its open source brethren, it seeks an efficient, novel solution to a problem: office productivity software. While Microsoft Office is not terrible software, it is not inherently better. It is also not cheap. Open Office, however, solves the same problems that Microsoft does (and then some): it just does it for free. Check it out; it may end up saving you quite a bit of money.

In continuing our coverage of widgets it is important to note that in order to continue their wide versatility the web browser Opera offers widgets to their users. This is slightly different from Firefox. These widgets act as more of a pop-up companion to the browser itself. They are still a very interesting and fun way to optimize your browsing experience.

Here is a list of the top 5 Opera widgets:

1. Unreal Soccer: Being bored while browsing the internet is no longer a problem thanks to this light weight widget game for Opera users. It is opened in a separate window and allows for users to play as pirates, ninjas, robots, space aliens, and more as play increases in difficulty.

2. dotoo: To-do list: Having a small handy to-do list is an awesome bonus for the multi-tasker in you. This widget has a simple interface and contracts to a super small size while not in use. You can add and delete heading and sub-heading with a click on a button. This widget is helpful and sleek, definitely a must-have.

3. SimAquarium: Another boredom reliever widget taken to the next level. While you are browsing the

internet you can increase your funds on the game in real time. Like many other acclaimed simulation games you are put into a real life situation. Basically, you own a fish store. This may sound boring, but it is one of the top rated widgets on Opera. It is a never ending game and you cannot really lose. This widget is great for boredom relief.

4. TouchtheSky: Getting the weather forecast has never been easier. TouchtheSky offers an in depth panel which shows the current weather for your area and is automatically updated. The widget claims features such as global coverage, real-time updates, satellite photos, local time display, moon phases, grass pollen count, UV index, humidity levels, space-saving 'mini mode', forecasts for up to 5 days and US or metric units. This widget is very handy and a great time saver.

5. GoogleToolbar: Google offers more than a search engine. With all the extras that Google offers this Opera widget is handy for keeping everything straight. Everything from blogger to gmail and the applications in between, this widget is very helpful in managing your Google related needs.

Advanced Google application users and novices alike will enjoy the simplicity this widget entails.

DSLRs: Cameras for all occasions



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When exploring the market for digital single-lens reflex cameras, inexperienced buyers often look at only two categories to influence their decision making process: megapixels and price. There is a lot to be said about the potential size and relative clarity a picture is capable of from the number of megapixels in a camera, and certainly price is a huge factor for college aged photo enthusiasts. There are, however, literally hundreds of options in today's DSLRs that one must consider before making the best choice.

One in the market for a DSLR must consider not the specifications of the camera as a whole, but as two separate parts: body and lens (or lenses). Naturally, then, the process of buying a DSLR can be daunting and take months if waiting for the price to drop, but in the end the pictures a single-

lens reflex camera can take will outperform those of a compact digital camera nine times out of ten.

The cameras below are reviewed based largely on their body specifications. So many lenses are available for each camera that covering them would take days. However, if the manufacturer lists a specific lens that is sold with the body as a "kit" then it will be noted.

Olympus Evolt E-330

The Olympus Evolt E-330 is an exciting camera that has been out since Spring 2006 and comes with several fun features that are unique among DSLRs. The E-330 has a 2.5 inch swivel LCD screen, similar to those seen on numerous compact models. In addition, users no longer have to use the viewfinder to frame up their shot: the E-330 is the first DSLR to have that capability in its LCD. All cameras in the Evolt line feature a dust prevention system that shakes the sensor to remove the build up of dust that

over time can add spots to images.

The E-300 has 29 shooting modes – 20 predefined and nine manual settings. It supports CompactFlash Type I and II and xD Picture Cards to allow users a choice of flash storage of JPEG, TIFF or RAW files.

The E-330 has only 7.5 megapixels and three auto focus points (most DSLRs have at least 5 AF points), which makes it an entry level camera. As one can expect in an entry level, the built in flash is less than perfect and start up time, 1.9 seconds, is less than desirable. It is also a bit pricey for an entry level DSLR: \$1,000 with a Zuiko Digital 14-45 mm zoom lens.

Canon Digital Rebel XT

The Canon Digital Rebel XT follows up on the heels of its predecessor, the six megapixel Rebel XT released last year that changed the way DSLRs were thought about with its \$600 retail price. The XT features 10.1 megapixels which produces in effect an image 3,904 x 2,598 pixels. For any photographer considering printing (and few photographers do not think of printing at some point) the 10.1 megapixels XT is a dream for prints. The 2.5 inch LCD has a 160 degree viewing angle and has a sensor that turns the LCD off when the photographer's face gets close.

The start up and recharge times are virtually the same as the Canon XT: .6 seconds for both. Also available to accompany the D80 is the entire line of Nikkor Digital SLR lenses. These vary from specialty wide lenses to super zooms to everything in between. The D80 kit comes with an 18-135mm Auto Focus, Silent Wave Motor Nikkor Lens for a slightly pricey \$1,300.

Combining the body with another Nikkor lens may be most desirable for professional photographers.

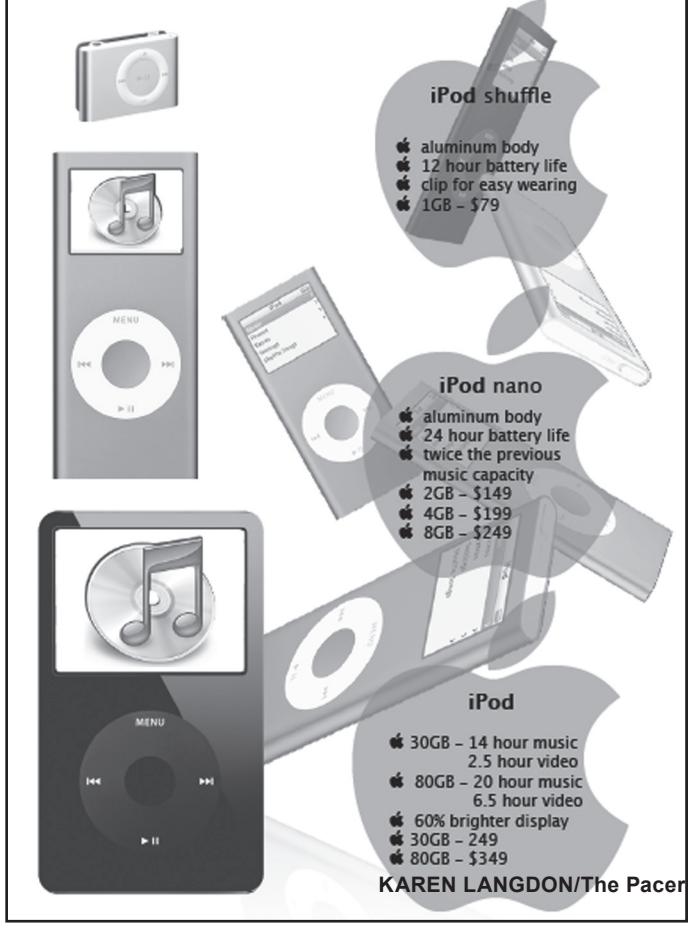
six preset and three custom "Picture Style" settings that allow photographers to shoot different styles that imitate different types of film. The XT features a dust removal system similar to the Olympus E-330. All of these features and an 18-55mm kit lens retail for just over \$700, but a better Canon lens, instead of the \$100 kit lens, can be purchased for around \$400.

Nikon D80

The Nikon D80 is viewed by many as a cross between the Nikon consumer cameras D50 and D70 and the more professional D200 and D2X line. It is one of the most recent DSLRs to hit the market, released about two months ago and it does not disappoint. The 10 megapixel camera has an 11 point auto focus system, seven preset and four manual settings for shooting in various situations. The 2.5 LCD screen displays shots with accurate color and detail and has a 170 degree viewing angle.

The Canon Digital Rebel XT is a dream for prints. The 2.5 inch LCD has a 160 degree viewing angle and has a sensor that turns the LCD off when the photographer's face gets close.

As far as the technical details, start up time is a minuscule .2 seconds and time between shots is .8 seconds. The XT has a nine point auto focus system,



KAREN LANGDON/The Pacer

Making the change: What it really takes to leave Windows behind

Jon Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

Buying a new computer or notebook can be a very stressful issue for students. There is the main issue of cost, the questions of timing and wondering where to buy your new computer. However, probably the most weighted issue that is a hot button for many tech-savvy consumers is whether or not to buy a Windows based PC or an OS based Mac.

Because of clever marketing and the unfathomable success of the Apple iPod, many people have begun to turn their heads to what the guys at Apple have been developing. With such a rise in statistics it is clear that many people are switching to Mac for their personal computing needs. However, it is important to note that buying a Mac is not for everyone. But if you are thinking about switching to Mac here are a few reasons to fuel the flame.

Window to a Tiger:

The largest difference between PC's and Mac's is the operating system that they use. The majority of computer owners work within a Windows environment. We are all familiar with the "start" menu, closing applications with the "X", and the concept of a "right click" mouse button. However, the operating system for Mac's, OS X Tiger, is very dissimilar. This is not bad but, it is different. The OS X is extremely intuitive and user-friendly.

Hot keys for Mac's are simple and streamline your work process. Programs built into the operating system, like Expose and Dashboard, aid in the con-

stant clutter of your workspace.

To further explain here are two examples. On a PC, simple processes like using the calculator, for instance, can take multiple steps. Click the start button, scroll to programs, then accessories and then click the calculator. It doesn't have to be this way. On a Mac all one has to do is press F12, the dashboard appears and if you have a calculator widget installed then in one step you are ready to go. Quick, easy, smooth.

The next example addresses the issue of workspace. If you have ever had more than two windows open on a PC you understand how confusing it can be to keep minimizing and maximizing your windows. Mac's Expose program, takes care of this problem. By pressing F11 all the open windows are wiped off the screen only to return when F11 is once again pressed. If you would like to switch between windows, pressing F9 will minimize all your open windows into small boxes. You can then select which application you want to view over then rest with a simple mouse click. Problem solved.

Dashboard and Expose only skim the surface of how OS X outperforms Windows. For even more ways Mac optimizes your computing experience go online to Apple.com

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In recent advertisements, Apple boasts that they are relatively virus free unlike their competitors. Now you can truly enjoy your

new computer without fear.

Windows based PC's are riddled with security

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threats. Consumers are constantly alerted for the next Trojan virus to make our lives harder. To prevent this PC users are faced with the "solution" of an antivirus program. These programs can be pretty expensive, and they never fully relieve your computer from spam, adware, spyware and viruses. Also, heavy virus protection programs can slow your computer down considerably. Go ahead and see for yourself. If you have a virus protection program on your computer, see how much room it is taking up. It's most certainly in the top five. Mac's are extremely stable. Viruses are not even a problem for them.

Recently a hacker was able to make a small malware virus for Mac which was only able to replicate ineffectively to about 50 computers before it was caught. In a related article on ZDNetAustralia.com, it was reported that the programmer expressed frus-

the unknown virus author within his code.

"So it does look as though virus writers, fortunately, still have a way to go before they are able to write Mac viruses with the proficiency and fluidity that they can for Windows," said Paul Ducklin, head of technology for Sophos Asia Pacific.

Mac: Where function meets style

Visually, Macs are among the most sleek and stylish computers on the market. This is not a biased statement by any means. New York Times technology columnist David Pogue talks a lot about Macs in many of his columns and blogs. This prompted one reader to inquire if Pogue is a Mac Fanboy.

Pogue replies, "Not exactly; what I really am is an elegance fanboy. I love products whose designers have obviously lain awake nights worrying about elegance, simplicity, and beauty. That group tends to include Palm, Sonos,

TiVo, Research in Motion (of BlackBerry fame), Google usually, and, yes, often enough, Apple."

If you have ever taken a good look at an Apple computer or notebook you too would understand why this New York Times columnist feels this way.

Not only are Mac's easy on the eyes, but they offer something even more rare, function coinciding with style. Packed inside a small, neat casing is all the plug-ins which are usually an eye sore on most computers.

The Mac guys even perfect this down to the smallest detail. For example, the power adaptor for a Macbook is smaller than that of a Dell. It also has a magnetic "break-away" plug. If your friend trips over your power cord the plug will simply slip out of the slot, no damage done. If that happened with another non-Mac notebook you could find yourself in some trouble. More than likely, if the cord was tripped on, the computer would follow which could cause major damages.

Function and style are an intricate part of what makes a Mac a Mac, and furthermore what makes it better than the rest.

Get What You Pay For:

One of the biggest "concerns" people have when considering Mac's for their next purchase is the cost. It is true, by and large Macs are much more expensive than most other PC's. However, one needs to consider what it is that they are paying for. Mac's are not more expensive because Steve Jobs is a greedy man. Instead, they are more expensive

because of what they offer the consumer.

Innovation and what comes along with it is not always cheap. But why not fork over an extra couple hundred dollars to get a top of the line product? Also, because Mac's are more reliable, you are less likely to spend countless more dollars at the repair shop. By purchasing a Mac you might even be able to save money in the long run.

Reliable, fast, intuitive, and stylish, what more could one ask for in a computer? However, many PC's on the market only give you a few of these qualities or a watered-down version of them all. Apple is simply ahead of the curve.

They offer everything that all the big guys give you, but better. This sort of passion is expressed by countless Mac users around the globe. So if you are considering purchasing a new computer do your research and see for yourself the advantages of a Mac.

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Skyhawks make SEMO 'Hawks bleed red in 4th consecutive road win

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After a lackluster first half, the Skyhawk football team used a 21-point third quarter to overtake a pesky Southeast Missouri State team and come away with a 28-14 road victory that stretched their winning streak to eight games.

The win, coupled with an Eastern Illinois win over Tennessee State, gave sole possession of first place in the Ohio Valley Conference to the Skyhawks.

The game-changing play came on the opening kickoff of the second half, when Skyhawk return man Jesse "Juice" Burton took the ball 100 yards to the end zone to tie the score at 7-7 and bring some life to the visitors' sideline.

Burton's amazing run got the second half off to a positive start for the Skyhawks, who had been unable to score in the game's first 30 minutes.

"Juice being able to return that kickoff was huge," said Skyhawk head coach Jason Simpson. "That gave us the energy and the burst we needed. Our guys fed off of that momentum and that got us through the second half."

The accomplishment also earned the junior college transfer notice as the OVC specialist of the week as well as a national special teams honoree.

The play came on the heels of a disastrous end to the first half for the Skyhawks. With the ball on their own 19-yard line, the Redhawks were forced to punt. The Skyhawk defense came up big and blocked the punt but it was picked up by SEMO's Monroe Hicks, who carried it to the Skyhawk 23-yard line.

Burton finished the game with 146 return yards, including 119 on kickoff returns and 27 on punt returns.

Six plays later, wide receiver Oge Oge caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Kevin Ballatore to break a scoreless tie and put the Panthers ahead 7-0 just six seconds before halftime.

"We talked about the block as a staff and we said 'let's go for it and see if we can create a turnover,'" Simpson said.

"We got the block, but it backfired on us because it went past the line of scrimmage and they were able to advance it. They were able to punch it in and they had some momentum at halftime."

Like many Skyhawk games this season, the game featured more defense than offense. The defensive units, along with sloppy weather conditions, limited the two teams' ability to move the ball down the field effectively.

The Skyhawks managed only 106 yards of offense in the first half but finished the game with a total of 306 yards after a strong third quarter display. Tailback Don Chapman ran for 225 yards and three scores on 36 carries. His highlight play of the game was an 81-yard scoring burst with just over a minute remaining in the game that put the game away with the Skyhawks holding a two-touchdown advantage.

Defensively, the Skyhawks actually allowed 307 yards in the game but forced the Redhawks to punt the ball eight times and gave up only 11 first downs. The Skyhawk offense collected 16 first downs in the game.

Part of the reason for the defense's struggles was the absence of linebacker Rayvon Sims and the fact that Dante Harrold played at less than 100 percent.

Injuries affected the Skyhawks on both sides of the ball as wide receiver Jamaal Akbar and fullback Marcus Dawson could not play as a result of injuries suffered during the Skyhawks' win over Eastern Illinois.

"Then we lose Alex Atkins and Adam Hansen in the first half," Simpson said. "Luckily they came back in the second half and played for us the best they could. There were some things they couldn't do as far as pulls, so we had to tailor the offense to what they could do in the second half," Simpson said.

The Skyhawks helped their cause by holding the ball for more than 32 minutes compared to 27 minutes for the Redhawks.

Inspired by Burton's touchdown, the Skyhawk offense came alive, finding the end zone three times in the third



SEMO Sports Information
Skyhawk running back Don Chapman breaks free from the ankle tackle of a SEMO defender on one of his 36 carries during the Skyhawks' 28-14 victory over the Redhawks in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Saturday. Chapman ran over the Redhawk defense for 225 yards, his best total of the season and second 200-yard performance on the year. His 81-yard run in the fourth quarter clinched the victory for UTM.

quarter.

After a Burton punt return set the Skyhawks up at midfield, Chapman took over, methodically pounding his way down the field.

Following a 13-yard Greg Preston completion to Roren Thomas, Chapman ran the ball six times for 36 yards and the go-ahead touchdown. His longest run on the drive was a 14-yarder that put the ball on the SEMO 11 yard line. Preston also completed a critical six-yard pass to Burton on a 3rd-and-5 play to keep the drive alive.

With a seven-point lead to protect, the Skyhawk defense shut down the Redhawks by halting the passing game.

Offensively, Chapman controlled the Skyhawks' next drive, which began deep in Redhawk territory at the 26. Chapman carried the ball four times on the drive, scoring from one yard out to stretch the lead to 21-7 with 5:27 remaining in the third quarter.

His game-clinching scamper came after the Redhawks used a 52-yard drive to record a touchdown that cut the Skyhawk lead to 21-14 with 8:09 remaining in the fourth quarter.

That drive ate only 1:44 off the clock as the home team moved quickly down the field.

The Skyhawks will return to Graham Stadium for their home finale against Eastern Kentucky Saturday at noon. They will then travel to Murray to close out the season against the rival Racers, who are led by former UTM head coach Matt Griffin. The Racers have struggled to a 1-9 record this season, including 0-7 in the OVC.

The Skyhawks have an all-time record of 11-25-1 against the Racers, including a 49-20 victory in last year's season-ending matchup, UTM's sixth win of the season.

Soccer future looks bright after '06 achievements

Zane Gresback
Staff Writer

The UTM soccer team came into the 2006 season with little outside expectation or respect. The Skyhawks were predicted to finish next-to-last in the Ohio Valley Conference. After qualifying for the O'Reilly OVC Tournament for the first time since 2003, they certainly earned the respect they deserve.

A strong regular season finish earned them a No. 6 seed in the OVC tournament. They lost at No. 3 seed Eastern Illinois in a first-round Halloween heartbreaker 1-0. The Panthers came out aggressive and made it a physical match early. EIU would score their first and only goal in the 25th minute by Ashley Slota. Slota's goal came off a corner kick by Alexis Miller that snuck past our stretched goalkeeper Cara Sullivan.

UTM's best scoring chance came in the closing minutes of the match. Co-captain Jamie Price launched a ball deep into the Eastern Illinois defense to her fellow co-captain Katie Behrens, who dribbled to the top of the box but shot wide. The Skyhawks finished the match with nine total shots.

The loss dropped UTM's conference record to 2-4-4. They finished the season with a 5-9-5 overall record.

Despite UTM's early postseason

exit, players are being recognized for their outstanding play.

Junior co-captain Jamie Price was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week the last week of the regular season. It is no surprise that Price's fellow junior co-captain Katie Behrens earned All-OVC honors. Behrens has been named to the All-OVC team every season of her career. This was the first year she was named to the All-OVC first team. "Everyone thought that this was just going to be a rebuilding year for our team because we got a new coach and only returned three starters from last year," Behrens said. "We worked really hard and had a lot of new players step up for us so fortunately we were able to prove a lot of critics wrong."

A new player that certainly stepped up was freshman goalkeeper Cara Sullivan. Sullivan started every game in goal for the Skyhawks in her first season and recorded seven shutouts. She led the conference in saves with 147 and a .845 save percentage. She stands fourth all-time in UTM history for saves and first for saves by a freshman. On Oct. 17, she was named to Soccer Buzz Magazine's Elite Team of the Week, making her the first player in school history. Sullivan earned All-OVC Newcomer honors for her superb play.

"This is just the beginning of Cara's bright future," said first-year head

coach Craig Roberts. "She developed well throughout the entire season and now has a great year of experience under her belt that she'll be able to use to improve upon even more."

The future looks bright for Skyhawk soccer as the entire squad will return for the 2007 season.

"We are all very excited and optimistic about next year and we all feel as though we will undoubtedly be in contention for an OVC championship," Behrens said.

Cara Sullivan AT A GLANCE

- OVC All-Newcomer Team
- 3-time OVC goalkeeper of week
- 147 saves (1st in OVC)
- .845 save percentage (1st in OVC)
- 7 shutouts, including 676-minute scoreless streak



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Skyhawk freshman goalkeeper Cara Sullivan prepares to stop a shot during a game earlier this season. Sullivan, who received recognition from both the Ohio Valley Conference and national publications, helped the team to an OVC tournament berth. The Skyhawks finished with a record of 5-9-5 in their first year under head coach Craig Roberts.

Skyhawk women beat Ky. Wesleyan in first basketball exhibition of 2006-07

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The UTM women's basketball team opened play in the 2006-07 campaign with a 63-54 victory over the visiting Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan.

Skyhawk forward Phyllisha Mitchell recorded a double-double with 18 points and 18 rebounds to lead all in both categories.

The new look Skyhawks began the game with one starter from last season's opening night lineup, preseason All-OVC First Team pick Andreika Jackson. With her new supporting cast, Jackson and the Skyhawks were able to use their size advantage and out rebound the Panthers 40-28. The Skyhawks also out shot the Panthers from the field and the line.

UTM jumped out to an early lead and pushed it to a nine point advantage at the break. The Skyhawk defense was able to corral Kentucky Wesleyan's top offensive threats, LaTasha Henry and Laura McClintic limiting them to a combined 1-7 from the field in the first half. Jackson led

the way with 11 points at the break, while Mitchell collected nine of her rebounds in the first half.

Kentucky Wesleyan began the second half making a run to pull the game close, taking a 42-41 lead with just under 13 minutes left in the game. Jackson answered back for the Skyhawks, draining a jumper to put UTM ahead for good. The Skyhawks added to their lead, in large part to Mitchell who continued to be a force on the boards. Behind her efforts the Skyhawks pushed the final margin of victory to nine.

Jackson, who faced double teams and hard fouls the entire game finished with 14 points and five rebounds. Point guard Jennifer Angler also contributed, pouring in 13 points with three from behind the arc.

The team returned to action Monday at 5:30 p.m. when it hosted Bethel College in an exhibition game at the Elam Center. The Skyhawks will open the regular season this Saturday when they travel to the University of Central Arkansas for an 8 p.m. game.

Skyhawk Schedule

WOMEN'S HOOPS	CINCINNATI SATURDAY, NOV. 11 6 P.M. VS. CENTRAL ARKANSAS SATURDAY, NOV. 11 8 P.M.	FOOTBALL HOWARD SUNDAY, NOV. 12 3:30 P.M. VS. EASTERN KENTUCKY SATURDAY, NOV. 11 NOON
MEN'S HOOPS CINCINNATI TOURNAMENT HIGH POINT FRIDAY, NOV. 10 8:30 P.M.	VOLLEYBALL MURRAY STATE AT MURRAY TODAY (NOV. 7) 7 P.M. VS. TENNESSEE STATE FRIDAY, NOV. 10 7 P.M.	

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UTM junior middle Kathryn Sprague spikes the ball during Friday's match against Jacksonville State, which the Skyhawks lost 3-0. Sprague collected 18 kills on the weekend, including ten on Friday and eight on Saturday, when the Skyhawks defeated Samford 3-0. The weekend split improved the Skyhawks' record to 17-12 overall and 6-8 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The team travels to Murray tonight for a 7 p.m. match with Murray State before closing out the regular season at home at 7 p.m. on Friday against second-place Tennessee State.

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